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REPORT

OF THE

SELECTMEN, AUDITORS,

AND

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE,

OF THE

TOWN OF EPPING

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 23, 1870.

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RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES.

The Selectmen and	Treasurer	charge the	mselves with	
Cash in hands of Trea			\$2,310	28
	'. Edgerly,		370	
A list of taxes assessed				
G. Plumer for collection			9,077	08
State railroad money,			444	28
Savings bank,			73	60
Literary fund,			57	20
Hired of sundry perso	ns.		6,994	70
Received of county fo		of paupers,	464	51
for town farm		1	3,487	50
for stock and	other pers	onal proper		
household fu				89
			\$24,275	03
Bank tax,				40
They credit themsel	vos with		\$24,341	43
Paid State Treasurer S			\$2,286	3 00
County Treasure		9.Y.	1,359	
For roads and br				00
Breaking out ros				00
			ge (so-called) 125	
Permanent		do.		00
On mill bridges,				00
On roads and br		ferent parts		02
			\$5,561	37
P.	AID FOR	SCHOOLS	S	
John S. Blaisdell,	District N	o. 1.	\$183	07
Joshua Wiggin,	"	2,	105	02
Ezra F. Barber,	. 46	3,	87	56
J. C. Burley,	"	4,	125	27
Joseph Emerson	46	5,	168	15
Folsom Dow,	- "	6,	139	63
Enoch True,	"	7,	147	98
Frank E. Bean,	**	8,	248	16
Total amo	unt paid fo	r schools,	\$1,214	84

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to the sum of		027 31 318 69
Paid Superinte Non-resident to	endent's salary, ax,	73 33 8 91
	\$11,	728 24
SELF	ECTMEN'S SERVICES LAST YEAR.	10 11 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1
John H. Pike,		B12 50
Martin V. Fog		18 65
George S. Run	idlett,	18 50
		\$49 65
JOHN H. PI	KE, services as Selectman, in and out of	town,
	and Overseer of the Poor.	
1000		
1869. March 10 To	½ day at Town House,	\$1 00
11,	Returning town debts and number of polls	
	to State Treasurer,	1 50
19,	Portsmouth to settle with Frink,	200
	Car fare and expenses,	$\begin{array}{c} 2 \ 50 \\ 2 \ 00 \end{array}$
25,	Journey to Portsmouth to collect bank tax, Care fare and expenses,	2 50
20,	1 day at W. R. Bunker's, making appoint-	1117
	ments,	1 75
26,	1 day at Town farm about selling same,	2 00
29,	Journey to Exeter to get invoice books, etc.,	$\frac{3\ 00}{1\ 00}$
31,	½ day on town business, 2 days, self and horse, taking inventory,	6 00
April 1, 2, 6,	4 day, auction bills,	0 00
8,	1 day making invoice,	1 75
9,	1 day at Town House,	1 75
10,	do.	1 75
15,	1 day at town farm, assisting at auction,	3 50
16, 17,	2 days making taxes, 1 day at Wm. R. Bunker's,	1 75
20,	Attending jury meeting,	50
22,	1 day making school tax,	1 75
21,818	Returning railroad stock to State Treasurer,	1 25
23,	Journey to poor farm,	1 50
24,	1 day making taxes,	1 75

May	1,	1 day making deeds of poor farm, self and	
		horse,	3 50
	4,	1 day making Surveyors' warrants,	175
		Journey to Concord,	1 75
		Car fare and expenses,	3 50
	13,	1 day making and distributing survey war-	
		rants,	2 50
	16,	Journey to North river, about road,	1 50
	28,	$1\frac{3}{4}$ days making and filling Collector's book,	3 00
June 2	28, 29,	2 days copying invoice,	3 50
12 2 4	30,	1 day examining bridge,	1 00
July	28,	Journey to Samuel G. Sanborn's in relation	
12 (1)		to Mrs. Rollins,	1 50
Augus	st 4,	Paid Mrs. Rollins, car fare to Manchester,	1 50
	10,	Journey to Exeter to see about derrick,	3 50
Sept.	3,	Journey to town farm about paupers,	1 50
	8,	Journey to North river to get hands for	
_		bridge,	1 50
Oct.	19,	Journey to poor farm to get account, and	
	33 3 3	making the same,	2 00
	22,	½ day making warrants for the town meet-	
	-	ing, and posting the same,	1 00
	27,	Journey to Portsmouth to get paupers' ac-	0.00
		count allowed,	2 00
37		Car fare and expenses,	2 50
Nov.	1,	Making auction bills,	1 00
	9,	day at town house,	1 00
	10,	1 day at town farm, assisting at auction,	2 50
	13,	1 day at W. R. Bunker's, on town business,	1 00
n	27,	do	1 00
Dec.	18,	day at town house,	1 00
107	29,	Revising jury.box,	1 25
187		1 3 W B B 1 1	1 00
Januar		day at W. R. Bunker's,	1 00
	11,	Journey to Portsmouth,	1 75
	10	Car fare and expenses,	2 00
	12,	Attending jury meeting,	50
Feb.	22,	½ day at W. R. Bunker's,	1 00
1 60.	7, 12,	do. do.	1 00
17			3 00
11,	18, 19,	1½ days making warrants and check-list, ½ day at W. R. Bunker's,	3 00
	10,	2 day at W. It. Dunkers,	0 00

GEORGE S. RUNDLETT services as Selectman in and out of town, and Overseer of the Poor.

186	9.		
A CANADA		\$1	00
	20, 1 day making appointments of town officers,	1	75
	26, 1 day at town farm,	1	75
	31, ½ day on town business	1	00
April	1, 2 and 3, 3 days self and horse taking invoice,	9	00
West of the	5, attending jury meeting,		50
	6, ½ day self and horse taking invoice,	1	50
	9, 10, 2 days taking and filing invoice,	3	50
	12, journey to Nottingham on town business,	1	50
	15, 1 day at town farm assisting at auction,		50
1	16, 1 day on town business,		75
	17, 19, 2 days making taxes,		50
	20, 1 day making school house tax,	1	75
	21, journey to Mrs. Tilton's, and other town business,	2	00
	22, journey to J. C. Plumer's and other places on		
	town business,	1	00
	23, 24, 2 days making taxes,		50
	26, 1 day on town business,	1	75
	28, enrolling the militia and making return of the		
3.5	same,		50
May	4, 1 day filling surveyors' warrants,	1	75
	5, journey to Manchester to hire money to pay	~	0=
	town debts,		05
	car fare and expenses,		05
	11, ½ day filing surveyors' warrants,	1	00
	13, I day self and horse distributing surveyors'	0	00
3461	warrants,		50
	17, journey to North River about widening road,		75
June	24, 28, 1½ days filling collector's book,		50
Aug.	28, 29, 2 days copying invoice,		00
Oct.	28, journey to examine French road, (so called)	1	50
Oct.	9, attending jury meeting, 11, journey to town farm in relation to moving		00
	county paupers to county farm	1	00
	22, ½ day making and posting warrants,		00
Nov.	2, journey to Portsmouth to get auction bills		00
	printed, and other town business,	1	75
	car fare and expenses,		85
	9, ½ day at town house,		00
	10, 1 day at town farm assisting at auction,		50
6.2	13, ½ day at Wm. R. Bunker's, in session,		0
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Nov. 2	00 90 92 91 days manastically school manage		
1104. 7	20, 22, 23, 2½ days proportioning school money	A	EO
1	and other town business, $27, \frac{1}{2}$ day at Wm. B. Bunker's,		50
Dec. 1	5, journey to Concord in relation to railroad and	1	00
2000. 1	literary money, and to pay State tax,	9	00
	care fare and expenses,		25
ml 12]	18, ½ day at town house,		00
	29, ½ day revising jury list,		00
1870.		· ile	
Jan.	8, ½ day at Wm. R. Bunker's,	1	00
	22, ½ day at do do		00
Feb.	6, ½ day at do do	1	00
	9, 1 day on town business,	1	75
	12, ½ day at Wm. R. Bunker's,	1	00
	17, I day do do	1	75
	18, 1 day making check lists,	1	75
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	the state of the s	94	00
WILLI	AM R. BUNKER, services as selectmen in an	out	t of
	town, and Overseer of Poor.		
1869.			
		\$1	00
172 2 1	20, 1 day making appointments of town officers,	1	75
100	26, 1 day self and horse, town farm,	3	00
	journey to Portsmouth to get auction bills		
	printed,	2	00
	care fare and expenses,	1	85
April	3, 1 day self and horse, taking invoice,	3	00
	attending jury meeting,		50
14 / 1	15, 1 day at town farm assisting at auction,	3	50
1	16, 1 day on town business,		75
	17, 19, 2 days making taxes,	3	50
2	21, journey to Mrs. Tilton's	1	00
May	4, 1 day filling surveyors' warrants,	1	75
	11, ½ day on town business,	1	00
1	13, I day, self and horse, distributing surveyors'		
	warrants,	3	00
1 4 2 3 3	17, journey to North River about widening road,	1	50
June 23	day filling collector's book,	1	00
	10, journey to North River,	1	50
	do West Epping in relation to Mrs. Rollins,	2	00
Oct.	9, attending jury meeting,		50
	1, journey to town farm,	1	00
	22, ½ day making warrants,	1	00

Nov. $9, \frac{1}{2}$ day at town farm,		00
10, 1 day at town farm assisting at auction,		50
20, 22, 23, $2\frac{1}{2}$ days proportioning chool money		-0
other town business,		50
27, ½ day at my house,		00
Dec. 18, ½ day at town house, 29, ½ day revising jury list.		00
29, $\frac{1}{2}$ day revising jury list, 1870.	1	00
Jan. $8, \frac{1}{2}$ day on town business,	1	00
22, $\frac{1}{2}$ day at my house in session,		00
Feb. 5, ½ day do do		00
12, ½ day do do	1	00
17, 1 day on town business,	1	75
18, 1 day making check list,	1	75
10, ½ day on town business,	1	00
40 x a real final at a real to a rea		
	\$57	60
ABATEMENTS.		
Sundry abatements for the year 1868,	\$ 26	
do do do 1869,	127	06
	Ø1 = 0	00
MISCELLANEOUS BILLS.	\$153	00
	\$23	27
Paid for stamps, stationery and books,		00
Auditors for auditing accounts last year, Constables,		50
Expenses selectmen last year,		75
Nathaniel G. Plumer, collecting taxes,		28
Damage to sheep by dogs,		00
Jonathan Bartlett, town clerk, 1868,		25
James H. Bartlett, do 1869,	30	00
Medical aid, &c	112	31
John H. Pike, treasurer,	50	00
Law suit vs. John Drew,	70	00
Fogg donations,		00
Expenses selling town property,		65
Repairs on town house last year,		00
Superintending school committee,		5 00
Sealer weights and measures,		5 00
Cash in hands of Nathaniel G. Plumer, Collector,	1,500	
do. C. F. Edgerly, Collector last year,		0 60
Notes against Thomas Folsom and John L. Folsom,		5 00
Cash in hands of John H. Pike, Treasurer,	2,591	1 99
	\$24,341	43

The Selectmen this year paid notes and interest to sundry persons, amounting to,
Hired of sundry persons,

\$1

\$11,027 31 6,994 70

Leaving amount paid towards town debt,

\$4,032 61

DR.

JOHN H. PIKE, GEORGE S, RUNDLETT, W. R. BUNKER, Selectmen of Epping.

POOR FARM ACCOUNT.

TOWN OF EPPING TO GEORGE H. GOTHAM,

To cash paid for supplies and labor at the alms house, from Feb. 16, 1869, to Nov. 10, 1869.

7 bbl. flour,	\$82 25
17 bags meal,	39 55
21 galls. molasses,	16 85
56 lbs. sugar,	9 80
4 lbs. coffee,	69
14 lbs. soda,	1 46
$204\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. beef,	25 14
53½ lbs. corned beef,	8 64
85 lbs. pork,	20 97
10 lbs. tea,	14 45
11 lbs. tobacco.	8 75
135 lbs. fish,	6 94
25½ fish,	1 08.
22 lbs. tongues and sounds,	2 64
8 lobsters,	48
23½ lbs. mackerel,	2 30
2 boxes salt,	80
8 lbs. rice,	1 00
$\frac{1}{2}$ lb. pepper.	30
1 lb. cassia,	25
1 lb. nutmeg,	40
2 boxes mustard,	30
12 qts. oil,	1 74
Crackers,	2 40
1 lb. ginger,	. 48
1 lb. cream tarter,	80
2 yds. cambric,	36
65 yds. sheeting,	12 50
20 yds. blue drilling,	5 00
26 yds. print,	4 14

D: 3 31	10
Pins and needles,	18
12 spools thread,	60
12 hanks thread,	48
gross matches,	50
Butts, screws, and putty,	1 00
1 knife,	30
Blacksmith bill,	3 71
Raymond tax,	7 45
Shoe making,	5 35
1 pr. boots,	3 00
5 straw hats,	85
1 school book,	60
Medicine,	6 41
½ lb. soap,	12
2 bars soap,	30
4 lbs. nails,	24
14 bush. potatoes,	10 00
219 qts. milk,	10 45
58 lbs. butter,	22 04
$7\frac{1}{3}$ months taking charge of poor at farm,	73 33
	\$419 87
TOWN OF EPPING TO GEORGE H. GOTHAM FROM	FEBRU-
ARY 16, 1869, TO NOVEMBER 10, 1869.	CR.
600 ft. hemlock lumber,	4 00
10 bush. Potatoes,	6 33
63 lbs. butter,	3 03
Cash at sundry times,	143 00
do. to balance account,	263 51
as to satisfied accounting	
the state of the s	\$419 87

Epping, January 8, 1870.

This certifies that we, the subscribers, settled, and made even balance of all accounts up to November 10, 1869.

JOHN H. PIKE, GEORGE S. RUNDLETT, W. R. BUNKER,

Selectmen of Epping. GEORGE H. GOTHAM, Superintendent of the alms house.

AUDITORS' REPORT.

We, the undersigned, in pursuance of our appointment, and in accordance with common usage, have carefully examined the Selectmen's books and compared them with the accompanying vouchers, and they agree, and the books have been correctly kept and balanced to the 22d instant. As the Selectmen are required to make and publish a report of all their receipts and expenditures annually, in relation to town affairs, for the inspection of inhabitants; therefore, any further remarks in relation to their financial transactions we think unnecessary.

TOWN DEBT.

Amount of notes held against the town, The Selectmen estimate the interest thereon, \$37,481 31 2,500 00

Making the sum of
To meet this sum, in part, there is due from—

\$39,981 31

4,989 23

C. F. Edgerly and N. G. Plumer, collectors, \$1.516 37 Cash in the hands of John H. Pike, treasurer, 2,591 86 On notes held against Thomas Folsom, and

John L. Folsom, bearing date May 1, 1869, 725 00 A lot of bridge timber estimated at 150 00

Making, Which taken from the outstanding debt leaves the

balance of debt, \$34,942 08

From which it appears that the town debt is \$2,670 00 lower than last year's report.

Which we respectfully submit.

THOMAS FOLSOM, J. C. PLUMER,

Auditors.

Epping, February 25, 1870.

SCHOOL REPORT.

To the Citizens of Epping:—It is a notorious fact, that school reports produce but a very limited, if any effect upon the public mind of this town. They are read only by a few, and many of those more in a spirit of carping criticism, than an honest desire to profit by their recommendations. The law, however, requires a report to be made, farnishing certain definite information respecting the schools and embodying such suggestions, as may be deemed expedient or useful in advancing their interests. In discharge of this obligation, your committee would submit in a plain and brief manner, the following report:

During the past year, there has been a gratifying improvement in most of your schools; they have been better taught, and better attended than the year previous, and consequently a very marked and decided progress in scholarship. Prudential committees have been unusually fortunate in the selection of teachers; many of experience, and some of decided ability have been employed, and in two instances the same teacher who taught the previous year has been retained, thus securing that continuous and uniform instruction, which is generally so desirable. While the average attendance is greater than formerly, a larger percentage of scholars having attended regularly, it is still too low; there can be no good and valid reason for so much absenteeism. Teachers were requested to exert their influence, and to adopt such rules and regulations, as would secure the constant at tendance of their pupils, and there is every reason to believe they did all they could; still the records exhibit an absence of more than twenty per cent. If our best teachers are unable to excite and keep alive in the school room, such an interest as shall invite and attract their pupils, so their constant presence will be felt and considered a delight and pleasure rather than an irksome task; if an appeal to parents, stating plainly the great injury inflicted upon both scholar and school by irregular and partial attendance will have no effect, what should be done? Unquestionably, the law should be so altered as to compel an attendance, for there can be no good reason for a government to compel its citizens to sustain a system for public instruction in order to secure its stability and perpetuity, and then permit a part of its prospective citizens to stay away and grow up in ignorance.

So much has been said and written of late by School Commissioners, committees and educators in general, upon the subject of graded schools, their advantages so often demonstrated, that your committee concluded the whole subject was well understood by the voters of this town, and they only awaited an opportunity to carry their enlightened convictions into practical effect. By request, an article was accordingly inserted in the school warrants of districts No. 1 and 8. to unite and form a graded school. There was a full attendance of the voters at the respective school meetings, and the proposed union was defeated in district No. 1, and the article dismissed in No. 8. The objections they urged against the measure, were too frivolous for a moment's serious consideration. Miss Chase, the excellent teacher of the summer term in district No. 1, has furnished a list of the different classes she was required to hear daily during the six school hours. The whole number was 25; dividing the number of minutes in the six hours (360) less 10 for recess, 350, and you have 14 minutes for a class to leave their seats, take their position on the floor, recite and return to their seats again. What can a teacher do in 14 minutes, with a class in geography, grammar or written arithmetic? how much time is there for explaining and elucidating different points, or drilling the pupils at the blackboard? Now if this school was graded or united with No. 8, and divided according to the attainments of the pupils, there would be half of the number of classes in each school, and consequently more time for each class. There would be an obvious advantage in a division of scholars in discipline, a point of no mean consideration in these districts at the present time. The win. ter term in district No. 1, was taught by H. F. Hopkins, Esq. The remarks in his report are so apposite, and coming from one who has had a large experience in teaching and managing public schools, entitle them to an insertion in this report: "There is too much indifference on the part of the people of the district in regard to the school. and not enough pains taken to have pupils attend promptly. The house is also too small to accommodate the number of pupils, and there are no conveniences for recitations. Considering as I do, the subject of common school education as one of the first importance, not only to the pupils, but to the community, I would most earnestly recommend the grading of this district united with No. 8 if practicable, but grade the school any way. Too many pupils have attended during my short term for me to do anything like justice to, and I would suggest that if the district cannot build a school-house, or enlarge the present one, that an additional room be procured somewhere, especially for the winter term for the teaching of the primary department. There is also too much disposition on the part of the boys of the school to break up, and break down the district property.

which I conclude comes from want of interest on the part of parents, and in a measure, because of impunity in former smashings up. Remedy—make the parents pay for any damage done by a pupil if wilful and malicious." The observation relative to the destructive propensities of the boys in No. 1, is peculiarly applicable to those in No. 8. Some means should be devised to prevent the school house and out-buildings from suffering any further detriment.

The manner of teaching penmanship in our schools is very defective and unscientific. The pupils learn from imitation without regard to any system; a teacher one term writing a full round hand, the next something very different, and the scholar is left to pick up something from a dozen or more different instructors, all writing to some extent at least, unlike. This is wrong; some regular system, from some scientifically arranged graded writing book should be used in all our schools, and it is earnestly recommended that parents provide their children with such books, and our teachers should be required to instruct from them. If this course be adopted, every pupil in a comparatively short time will become a good penman.

During the past year, Greene's grammar has been introduced into our schools in place of three or four different ones; a new impetus has been given to this much neglected branch, and there are now many more pupils engaged in its study.

If the same teachers who taught in districts No. 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and Miss Chase in No. 7, could be employed again, it would be for the interests of those districts. A male tercher should be employed in the winter in Nos. 1 and 8.

ROLL OF HONOR.

Pupils who were neither absent, tardy, or dismissed during the term:

DISTRICT NO. 1.

First term—Jacob Greeley, Alva W. Ladd, Ella K. Taylor, Hattie Chase, Jennie W. Ladd, Sylvia W. Ladd, Ida B. Caswell, Lottie G. Hilton, Nannie E. Blaisdell, Cora S. Blaisdell.

Second term-Rufus Chase, Bessie Hopkins, Hattie Chase.

DISTRICT NO. 2.

First term—George K. Wiggin, Mary J. Perkins. Second term—George K. Wiggin.

DISTRICT NO. 3.

Fannie E. Barber.

DISTRICT NO. 4.

Second term-B. Chase, Charlie Chase.

DISTRICT NO. 5.

First term—Sarah F. Edgerly, Marianna Pinkham, Etta L. Towle, Nannie J. Dearborn, Laura P. Leach, Emma L. Radford, Abbie E. Harvey, Nannie H. Burnham, Emma J. Bartlett, Emma J. Fogg, Edson Fogg, Horace Kennard, Sammie A. Garland, Sanborn Pinkham, Albert Pinkham.

Second term—Mary Annah Edgerly, Lizzie B. Sinclair, Marianna Pinkham, Laura P. Leach, Emma L. Radford, Nellie J. Burnham, Emma J. Bartlett, Emma J. Fogg, Lydia W. Ladd, Clara M. Ladd, John Herbert Burnham, David Sinclair, Sanborn Pinkham, Albert Pinkham, Charles H. Coffin and William P. Rollins.

DISTRICT NO. 6.

First term—Sarah P. Blake, Charlie E. Bean, Edward C. Bean, Frank Blake, Dana C. Barber, George N. Johnson, Joseph T. Stevens, Herman Shepard, Ivah C. Thurston, Daniel Thurston, Roland N. Thurston.

Second term-Frank Blake, Dana C. Barber, Joseph T. Stevens, Roland N. Thurston.

DISTRICT NO. 7.

First term-None.

Second term-Walter H. Jones, Abbie J. Jones, Frank S. Prescott, Irvin F. Norris, Abbie S. Norris, Ida J.Jenness, Roxanna Smith.

DISTRICT NO. 8.

First and second terms—None. A very bad record for No. 8—discreditable to both scholars and parents.

A bill was introduced in our last Legislature, abolishing the office of prudential school committee. This is a move in the right direction; it should go further and abolish the district system altogether, and our schools should be established by a central committee, graded and located in the town in such a manner as would best accommedate the pupils, giving them the longest schools and the best instruction possible.

H. B. BURNHAM, S. S. Committee.

Epping, Feb. 23, 1870.

	1.		336.	POISE	TAR					
Number of district.	Terms of summer and winter school.	Names of teachers,	Whole number of scholars.	Average attendance.	No. between 4 and 14 nor attending.	Instances of tardiness.	Instances of dismissal.	Number not absent half a day.	Wages per month, including board.	Length of school in weeks.
1	1st	Sarah E. Chase.	49	38+	3	126	57	10	\$28	12 8 9
	2d	Henry F. Hopkins.	50	31	Tar	141	44	43	40	8
2	1st	Laura E. Cook.	11	10+		3	7	2	20	9
407	2d	do.	11	8+		4		1	21	13
3	1st	Nettie Veasey.	12	8	1	59	. 9	1 5	20 24	17 11
4	1st	Nellie P. Newhall.	12	10+	1	29 63	12 12	5	24	8
5	1st	Millie Comings.	40	37	4	10		21	32	8
, Mari	2d	do.	36	32	6	12	$\begin{array}{c} 2\\1\\21\end{array}$	17	32	8 8 9
6	1st	Rowena Shepard.	22	21+	4	7	21	11	24	9
	2d	do.	23	20+		4	30	4	24	12
7	1st	Vannie A. Harriman.	47	36+		75		3	26	9
	2d	Sarah E. Chase.	55	42		27	27	7	26	10
8	1st	Nancy L. Thyng.	53	42+		11	31	-3	32	14
1	2d	do.	40	31+	9	33	48	A 188	32	111

Amount of m	oney appropriated for comm	on schools by
the town,		\$964.84
Literary fund		940 60
- osebonimore	which was divided as fo	llows:
District No. 1	trod our punctioned arrange	183 07
	2,	105 02
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	3,	87 56
	4,	125 27
	5,	168 15
46	6,	139 63
	7.	147 98
66	8,	248 16

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